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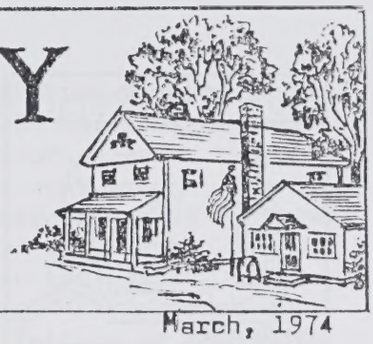


March, 1974

## OUR TOWN

### Annual Town Meeting to Be Held May 4th

The Annual Town Meeting is to be on Saturday, May 4th, this year. We are hoping that the weather will be seasonable and that many summer residents will join us in this important all-day occasion, at which there is opportunity for visiting with one's neighbors during the lunch hour. Each person brings his own box lunch. The Articles on the Warrant will, as usual, be published in the Town Report, which will be on the newsstands in the Monterey Store and the Roadside Store, or in the mail to our part-time residents toward the end of April. Read them and be thinking about how you are going to vote. Only voters registered in Monterey may vote.

### Apparent Delay in Weed Control Project

The Board of Selectmen have been informed by the Honorable Alan Sisitsky, State Senator, that the earliest possible date for weed control on Lakes Buel and Garfield is now July, 1975. The Selectmen are asked to re-submit their request for funds for a weed control project on these two bodies of water next spring. No explanation has been given for the delay.

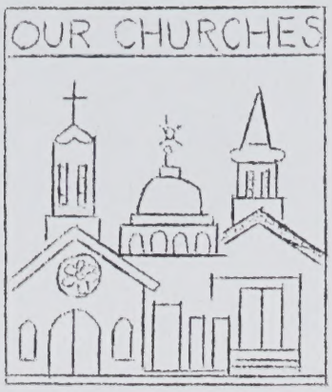
It has been established by dye tests conducted by the Monterey Board of Health on Lake Buel that septic tanks are not necessarily the primary cause of the problem. No explanation of the proliferation of weeds in the lakes has yet been found, nor any satisfactory solution to the permanent elimination of these weeds. Freezing, aeration, mowing, chemical treatment, and the weed-eating fish, the amur, imported from the Orient, all have their drawbacks. In some cases the weeds grow back in greater profusion than before their so-called elimination, and when the amur runs out of a diet of weeds he turns to other things in the lakes that are none of his business. This is probably the reason for the withholding of funds for the present, but it is a nation-wide, even a world-wide problem, and our Selectmen plan to write Massachusetts Senators Kennedy and Brooke, calling their attention to the problem, and also have postponed their Monday evening, March 18th, meeting to go to Pittsfield and interrogate Governor Sargent, who has come to this area for the purpose of gathering information about the needs of the towns and cities of North-Western Massachusetts.

### Roof Completed on Town Shed

The new town equipment storage shed, in the vicinity of the dump, is partially completed. The area is 40 by 50 feet. Door openings, when the doors are installed, will be 14 feet high, and thus enable access to the shed by all town mechanical equipment. At Present there are no plans for electricity or heating, but the roof is now completed, and this means our snowplow, grader, etc. can already be protected from inclement weather. The building is a pole-type construction, with a flat roof. Work toward completion of the shed is progressing well.

### Master Land Use Plan Studies Begun

Four Williams College students, working under the direction of Professor Sheafe Satterthwaite, of the Williams Center for Environmental Studies, have begun their research here in Monterey, gathering preliminary data (Maps, opinions, town history, information on land use, etc.) to be used in the preparation of a Master Land Use Plan for the town. It is anticipated that this plan will ultimately be prepared by PACE (Planning Approaches for Community Environments) in Cambridge, Massachusetts. The students and their major fields of study are: Douglas Hollet, geology; Michael Durst, political economics; Chapin Weeks, biology/environmental; and Gay Symington, art. They will be talking with most town residents at one point or another from now through June, and also sending out a questionnaire to summer residents, who are urged to reply promptly. They have met with each Monterey Selectman, the Planning Board members, and the Conservation Commission, and they are working in cooperation with these town officials. Messages for them may be channeled through the Seigerman phone (528-0331) which has been suggested as a coordination point for their activities.




CATHOLIC CHURCH

Only one Mass weekly, 10:00 a.m., at the Immaculate Conception Church, Mill River.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Notes — Morning worship each Sunday, 10:30 a.m. -- still in the social room through the month of March. . . . . Church School and Confirmation Classes, 9:15 a.m. . . . . The funeral of Gustav Loehndorf was on February 27th.

Pre-School Class — A class for pre-school children was started on March 10th. It meets each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. in the library basement. The reasons for the class are two: 1) to provide early experience and instruction in the Christian faith, and 2) to provide for children whose parents wish to attend morning worship. Anna Thorn and Sylvia Brallier are leading the group under the guidance of Lois Rose.

Lenten Services — "Reverence for Life" is the theme of the morning worship services during Lent this year. Following a short sermon, the congregation engages with the minister in a discussion of the subject. There has been lively participation thus far in these discussions. On Palm Sunday and Easter the congregation will return from the social room to the sanctuary for worship. The theme will continue to be "Reverence for Life."

The use of the social room for worship was an energy conservation measure. Most of the congregation has expressed appreciation for the more informal, face-to-face nature of the services in this setting.

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RICHARD DELMOR TRYON, SELECTMAN

Do you know Dick Tryon? If you don't you must be a very part-time resident of Monterey, because everyone if familiar with the sight of Dick driving around in his milk truck with a couple of golden retrievers the same color as his hair (which doesn't match his flaming red beard) sitting on the seat beside him or lying on the floor of the truck. Dick always has a friendly wave for everybody, and would be as much at home with Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip in Buckingham Palace as he is with all the citizens of Monterey, or sitting in loose-limbed ease on the right hand of John Pizzichemi, the Chairman, at the Monday evening meetings of the Board of Selectmen. In this setting he discusses and assists in administering the affairs that concern the Town of Monterey with great knowledgeability and shrewdness.

But let us begin at the beginning: Dick Tryon was born in Monterey fifty years ago on George Washington's (and his own) birthday. He was erroneously reported to be in his mid-forties in the last issue of the MONTEREY NEWS, but his forties got later and later as the NEWS went to press and he had turned fifty by the time most of you received your copy. Dick attended local schools, after which he served his country in the Navy in World War II for four years. When the war was over he returned to Monterey to help his father run the family dairy farm, as he had already done briefly before the war. He then attended and graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst. In 1948 he acquired his own farm on New Marlborough Road, purchased from Philander Harmon, and married Barbara Jost, a graduate of the University of Syracuse. They have five grown children.

Dick Tryon received the Berkshire County "Farmer of the Year" Award in 1957, served on the School Committee from 1955-1961, and for two terms as Selectman from 1963 to 1967. He is the only "native" on the Board, besides being the senior member.

An anecdote will sum up Dick's ability to make a succinct appraisal of any delicate situation. He and Tom Bradley, the junior member of the Board, who will be the subject of our next "Profile," were at a trotting race in Sheffield together (Tom is "crazy about horses") and, after one glance at the skittish, prancing fillies, Dick turned to Tom and said, "You drive, I'll wave." That's Dick for you!

THE EDITOR

# BLINDNESS OR BADNESS

We humans seem to be forever at pains to explain what goes wrong with our high hopes. A part of us longs for Utopia. We dream of and plan for systems that will insure justice and provide freer, happier communities of persons. When these dreams and plans break down, we try to identify what went wrong. The questions tend to revolve around two poles: was it blindness or was it badness?

Indeed, one does not need to be listening very carefully to the present national debates to hear questionings regarding the energy crisis, Watergate or whatever, and the inquiry centers around: "Was it a result of failure to see what was happening, or was there an impure motive involved?" Boiled down, it comes to the question of blindness or badness.

There can be no real debate on the subject of blindness and badness both being familiar on the human scene. I cannot deal effectively with my own failures without bringing both explanations into play. Some things go wrong because I was unaware what would flow from my actions. But the other source of tragedy in my life comes from an unwillingness to act on the knowledge I have. It may come from my selfishness, lethargy or rebellion, but I cannot honestly claim that I was innocent regarding the possible bad results.

I suspect most of us recognize this dual nature within ourselves. There is a streak within us that is blind, and there is still another streak within us that refuses to use the light we have. I find myself asking, now and then, how the two are related to each other.

Jesus recognized that the blindness element flows out of our badness and corruptibility. Even as his enemies had nailed him to the cross, Jesus prayed, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do." Was Jesus pleading innocence for them? Was he saying they were totally unaware of the evil they were inflicting on him? It would strain credibility to believe that. Yet I think Jesus was claiming that, in spite of their bad motivation, there was still a vast amount of blindness in their action. They couldn't see or realize the enormity of their murderous hatred of him. Those especially who wanted him out of their way urged themselves and each other on with slogans about serving the cause of righteousness.

Anyone who cares to look closely at the way we humans "do our thing" must recognize that the tendency to merge our blindness and our badness is very persistent. Righteous slogans have an incredibly way of cropping up around some of our most heinous behavior. The Inquisition of the Middle Ages, when heretics were being hunted to the death, was always "for the glory of God." When the robber barons of our own nation were making vast fortunes by their exploitations of people and natural resources they were the ones who proclaimed most loudly their love of America.

The strongest argument today for maintaining secrecy over Watergate and related matters is "preserving the Presidency." And going back all the way back once more to the Inquisition, I have no doubt that those who make their righteous protestations really believe them. That is not the issue.

My concern here is not to point the finger at someone else, but to help each of us deal a bit more rigorously with himself or herself in the way we fuzz up our capacity for judgment through pleading blindness. We claim we weren't able to see, we didn't know, we didn't realize, we couldn't anticipate the consequences of our actions. It all seems so legitimate. We all do have large blind spots. So, who will hold us responsible for what we didn't see?

By this time, however, there is no way I can escape the fact that I tend to remain blind in any area until I am willing to see. I may make the same mistake over and over again. I may bitterly protest my innocence. I didnt't mean to -- I didn't see. Then suddenly, seemingly out of the blue, my ability to spot the mistake before it occurs comes solidly into focus. But it didn't really come out of the blue. It came rather out of my willingness to face the source of my blindness. A part of me didn't want to see before. I didn't want to assume the extra responsibility for seeing.

Jesus placed a lot of stress on light and seeing. Indeed, he treated seeing as something of a moral imperative. He spoke of those who would not see as having an element of unwillingness in their failure to see. He also commended seeing, hearing, knowing as if they had something to do with choice. The explanation of our failures, then, is not quite as simple as though it were either from blindness or badness. Awareness and caring happen to be intimately related to the whole matter. The things we truly care about find much more awareness flowing around them. This seems to be a world in which caring and awareness travel together as partners.

Virgil Brallier, Minister of the United Church of Christ

MONTEREY COUNCIL ON AGING

This is our first year of a Council on Aging. The purpose of the council is to bring older people together, and also to identify the total needs of the community's elderly population. Also to promote and support any programs which are designed to assist elderly persons, regardless of their economic status. To this end, the Monterey Council has been working together with the Great Barrington Council on Aging. The Great Barrington Council has established a hot lunch program, once a week, in which all satellite towns are invited to participate. It is the hope of all nearby councils to have a center together with Great Barrington, where older people can meet more often. Our councils receive much information from the Executive Office of Elder Affairs in Boston, which is a Cabinet-level post.

Alfred Mollé, Chairman

MONTEREY GRANGE # 291

The Monterey Grange observed its annual Booster Night at an open meeting on March 6th. An attendance of 51 persons enjoyed State Overseer Vernon West, guest speaker, and a variety program that consisted of community singing, skits and musical numbers by William Curtiss and "Win" Decker of Great Barrington. Deputy Maurice Brazie and Peter Martin, a member of the State Conservation Commission, were also present.

The next meeting will be on March 20th, when we will observe Youth Night, at which the youth from Berkshire County will conduct the meeting and furnish the program.

Mary Wallace, Lecturer

PHILERGIANS

On Thursday, March 10th, the Philergians and their guests met for the first meeting of the Interpersonal Growth Group sessions, led by Dr. Virgil Brallier. There were fourteen persons present. We participated in several games which were designed to help each person understand his or her own behavior with other persons in the group. We were also asked to remember something that happened to us during different periods of our lives, beginning from a small child, and projecting to the time of our death. We will share these "stories" at our next meeting. Due to a seminar conflict, our next session will be held Thursday, March 21st, at 10:00 a.m., at the Brallier home. We invite any person who is interested to come. Please call 528-1031, so that we may plan for your participation.

Marie Brallier, Chairman

NEW MARLBOROUGH-MONTEREY PTA

The PTA had a meeting on Monday, March 18th, with Mrs. Deborah Oakie, from Monterey, as guest speaker. Mrs. Oakie is a speech therapist in the Southern Berkshire Regional School District. All present were most interested in her presentation. Our next meeting is planned for April 22nd. The guest speaker is undecided at the present time.

Maxine Labrecque, Chairman

GOULD FARM

About ten days ago the sap started running in the maple trees. An eager crew had been making preparations, scrubbing buckets and pans and getting ready for the welcome task of syrup production. Now the collections are being made regularly, and a delicious fragrance of boiling sap comes from the sugar house.

Marie Gaumont ("Nursie") is in Fairview Hospital, where she is said to be making a very good recovery from a recently broken hip. Everyone will be glad to see her back home again soon.

Allan Steinberg, of Monterey, is teaching a pottery class at the Farm once a week. The response has been enthusiastic, as it is also to the drama-reading group led by lois Rose.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Carter are coming in May as new staff members at Gould Farm. They will take over the job of kitchen management. At present they are living, with their two boys, in Maine, New York.

Rose McKee

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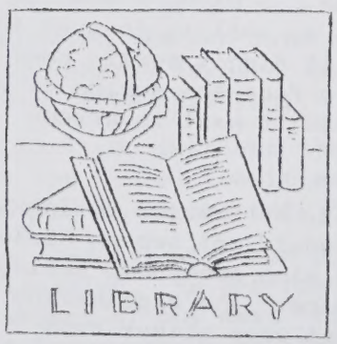


The library regrets that its toilet facilities can no longer be made accessible to the general public, due to abuse of this privilege by irresponsible and unsupervised youth. The degree of irresponsibility came to the point of actually being a threat to the safety of the library. Now the lock has been changed on the basement door, and the facilities will only be available to groups supervised by adults.

The directional signs on the library lawn are in a sad state of disrepair, but these are Town property. An Article will be placed on the Warrant for the May 4th Annual Town Meeting for repair or restoration of all the dilapidated signs in Monterey.

A Reminder: The library lawn belongs to the library and is not a public playground. Children and youth can go to lovely Greene Park, behind the Grange.

Anne Makuc, Chairman

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY, GIRL SCOUTS!

### CADETTES AND JUNIORS

The week of March 10th was Girl Scout Week. The Juniors and Cadettes have been active in celebrating the week. On Sunday, March 10th, they took part in the service at the Monterey Church. Junior greeters were Elizabeth Thorn, Susan Kickery and Colleen Hastedt. Alicia Burns was candle-lighter and Kristine Heath read the Lesson. Betsy Bynack and Kristine Heath took up the collection. Anna Thorn was in charge of the Kinderkirk. On Thursday, March 14th, the Juniors and Cadettes held a birthday party, to which the Brownies were invited. The Juniors provided the refreshments and the Cadettes had games about foreign lands. A Girl Scout display was in Ryder's Jewelry Store window in Great Barrington, assembled by the local girls.

### BROWNIES

The Brownies had a marvelous poster in the Monterey Post Office during Girl Scout Week. Walter Parks, Postmaster, gave the girls a tour of the Post Office and explained its operation. The girls attended the Girl Scout birthday party that was put on by the Juniors and Cadettes. At the next meeting there will be a demonstration on liquid embroidery.

### MONTEREY CHURCH YOUTH GROUP

The boys and girls have planned another dance for March 29th, which is a Friday. All teens take notice. March 17th the group held a spaghetti supper. The youth are making plans for the annual Easter Breakfast in the church social room, which will be held on April 14th, Easter Sunday morning.

### BOY SCOUTS

The Monterey-Otis Boy Scouts held their Court of Honor on Friday, March 1st, in Otis. Police Chief Douglas Lyman, of Monterey, and Police Chief Russell Gadaire, of Otis, presented the boys with their Citizenship skill awards. Boys receiving awards were the following: Kenny Heath, merit badges in rabbit raising, poultry raising, stamp collecting and animal industry; skill awards in family living, citizenship, swimming, cooking and camping. He made Second Class Scout. Mark Makuc received merit badges for reading, stamp collecting; skill awards for swimming, citizenship and family living. He made Tenderfoot. Shawn Ryder, merit badges for stamp collecting; fishing and gardening; skill awards for citizenship, family living and swimming. He made Tenderfoot. Daniel Andrus received merit badges for life saving, swimming and art; skill awards for camping, citizenship, swimming, hiking, first aid and family living. He made Tenderfoot. The Monterey boys put on a couple of skits after the awards. Kenny Heath acted out a TV commercial and Danny Andrus gave a demonstration of bandaging. Mark Makuc and Shawn Ryder ended the program by playing "Taps" on their trumpets. Refreshments were served.

### CUB SCOUTS

The Cubs have been busy rehearsing a play for the Blue and Gold Banquet to be held on March 22nd in the Monterey Church social room. They have also made papier-maché masks.

### LITTLE LEAGUE

Sign up for the 1974 season of the Little League by April 15th.

### 4-H

Cooking — The Monterey Panhandlers have been busy, as usual. We made pizza, lasagna and peanut butter oat muffins. After we finished our cooking, we talked about what vitamins meant. Then we did scrambled words and crossword puzzle which contained something about cooking. Posters entered from the group were by Kristine Heath, excellent, and Kenny Heath, good. Kristine's poster has been selected to go to the State competition.

Kristine Heath, Junior Leader

Horse — The Monterey Roadrunners' ham supper was a great success. The Roadrunners are sponsoring a Rabies Dog Clinic on March 24th from 12:00 noon till 2:00 at the Monterey Fire House. Dog licenses will be available. On the 4-H display in the Post Office the group received excellent. In the poster contest, receiving excellent were Kristine Heath, Susan Andrus and Ann Pedersen. Very good went to Ellen Pedersen.

Gwendolyn O'Connell

Stamps — Lick'em and Stick'em Stamp Club received a very good in their display in the 4-H contest. Receiving excellent in the posters were Billy Bynack and Shawn Ryder. Very good went to Warren Thomson, John Makuc, Mark Makuc, James Makuc, and a good to Kenny Heath. Shawn Ryder's poster was selected to go to the State competition.

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YOUTH NEWS (continued)

Gardening

The Monterey Green Thumbs held their first meeting of the season on February 21st. Voted Junior leaders were Susan Andrus and Gwendolyn O'COnnell, and teen leader Warren Thomson. 25 boys and girls are enrolled in the garden club, under the leadership of Mrs. Lois Ryder and Mrs. Marion Thomson. On March 10th the club held a meeting, and Mrs. Haswell, 4-H agent, was present to explain record-keeping. Seeds were also started in containers for future planting out-of-doors. Meetings are held once a month and are open to any boy or girl between age 6 and 19.

LOCAL NOTES

William Gilchrist Acquires Roadside Store -- Has Plans for Expansion

In January Bill Gilchrist purchased the Roadside Store and Esso Station from Henry and Eleanor Wolfer. The Roadside Store at present serves delicious simple counter luncheons, but Bill has plans for expansion of these facilities. These plans include extension of the counter to about a dozen stools and service of three hot meals a day. Bill will have a take-out window, where such items as fried clams, hamburgers, etc. will be sold for consumption either on the road or on the premises.

Berkshire Ecological Association

Over several dozen entries have been received in the contest for an emblem to represent the Berkshire Ecological Association. The process of judging will take place when the Board of Directors of the Association is able to assemble for this purpose. When the results are final, all contestants will be notified.

Albert Phoenix Recovered from Recent Illness -- Michael Phoenix to Be Married

We are all glad to welcome Al Phoenix back to the Monterey Store after his recent round of tests at Fairview Hospital in Great Barrington and the Berkshire Medical Center in Pittsfield. Al looks rested and well, but no definite cause was found for his spells of dizziness and fainting before his hospitalization. He has to take it easy and has been placed on a very stringent diet for some time to come.

On Saturday, March 25th, the Phoenixes will have the great joy of welcoming Lu Ngoc Uu into their family when she marries Michael Phoenix at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Harris, daughter and son-in-law of the senior Phoenixes, in Hamden, Massachusetts. The Reverend Sanford Fasth, of the Federated Community Church of Hamden, will perform the ceremony. "San", as she has mercifully chosen to call herself, flew here earlier this month from Saigon, a 36-hour journey. She and Michael met while both were working in the A.I.D. Program in Saigon, but San is of Chinese parentage and origin. Michael is at present doing graduate studies at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst. The couple will make their home in Amherst for the present.

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New contributors this past month, to whom we are, as always, exceedingly grateful, are the following: Mr. & Mrs. Thomas F. Bradley, Dr. & Mrs. Edward S. Brown, Kathryn Clark, George Kisselbrock, Mr. & Mrs. Harry Scheiner, Mr. & Mrs. Norman Seigerman and Mrs. Anne Vickerman.

Another type of contribution which has not heretofore been given public recognition on this page is that of the faithful team of collators, folders, staplers, labellers and geographical sorters who help our Circulation Manager, Gertrude Gould, get over 500 copies of the MONTEREY NEWS into the mail. They are: Frances Tryon, Helen McKay, and Marion Schneider and, on an occasional basis, Nancy Brancazzu, who has a full-time job and is also our very efficient church treasurer. In the absence of Gertrude Gould, who is making an extensive tour of the Orient with her sister, Helen Shaw, Frances Tryon is acting as Circulation Manager and keeping the names, contributions and addresses of our readers up to date. This is a "Thankless task" and deserves a resounding and hearty "thank you" from the rest of the staff. Lois Winchester, of Gould Farm, clips Monterey news items from the BERKSHIRE EAGLE and COURIER all month long and thus performs an invaluable service to the Editor in the preparation of the front page. Gary Brallier is our mimeographer, succeeding his busy father at wrestling with the cantankerous and inscrutable personality of our electric machine. Wayne Hansen traces our Art Editor's drawings on the spectroscope.

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